



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Senior Affairs Advisory Board (SAAB)

Minutes

Wednesday, January 5, 2005

Meeting was called to order at 11:14 a.m. by Chairperson Pat Ford.

Members Present: Millie Acasio, Dolli Cutler, John Patrick Ford, Floyd Willis, Sharon McColl, Cheryl Wilson, Madeline Paul, Donald Steele **Excused Absences:** William Liu, Leane Marchese, Rosemary White-Pope **Absent:** Sam Duran, Rudy Fernandez **Staff Present:** Diana Gray **Guests:** Joyce DiCicco, Yen Diep, Kristi Fenick, Cathy Mahmud,

Minutes of December 1, 2004 were approved as presented. Dolli Cutler made the motion to approve with a second from Sharon McColl. Motion carried with Don Steele abstaining from the vote.

Modifications to the Agenda:

The agenda was amended to show that Dr. Vinod Sasidharan would not be present at today's meeting to present information on the SDSU Nationwide Report on the Senior Exercise Study/Research. Dr. Sasidharan will be present at February's Senior Affairs Advisory Board Meeting and will present a report on the nationwide study and research on senior exercise.

Affordable Housing Presentation:

Cathy Mahmud, City of San Diego Redevelopment Affordable Housing Project Manager presented information on the City's Redevelopment Affordable Housing Program. According to Cathy, the City's Redevelopment Agency is dedicated to removing blight within the City of San Diego. Currently, there are 16 Redevelopment Project Areas within the City of San Diego. The City administers 10 of these project areas. The City's Redevelopment Agency is comprised of the City Redevelopment Division (Cathy's employer), Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC), and Southeastern Economic Development (SEDC). These entities have come together with the San Diego Housing Commission to form an Affordable Housing Collaborative in order to facilitate the provision of affordable housing citywide.

The California Redevelopment Law was codified in 1951. Under the redevelopment law, at least 20% of tax increment must be set aside for low and moderate income housing needs. At least 15% of all new housing in each project area must be affordable to families or individuals having low to moderate income. The financial subsidy for senior housing projects is limited to 10.5% of low/mod funds because seniors (65+) comprise 10.5% of the population of the City.

In 2003, the Affordable Housing Program issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). Since January 2003, the Agency has funded 423 affordable units at \$22.18 million (includes 90 senior units) with 42 affordable units at \$3.6 million pending. There are 9 additional projects that have completed applications under review at \$61.8 million (includes 150 senior units). A

total of 15 projects have been approved or in the process of being approved with 1,216 affordable units at \$87.58 million which includes 240 senior units. Another development, the Renaissance Senior Apartments offers 94 units for seniors and cost \$2.4 million in leveraged Redevelopment funds.

There are income level criteria associated with these Redevelopment projects with the highest priority being given to the very low income groups which includes small families units, large families units, and individuals, seniors & special purpose units.

Keep abreast of Redevelopment projects and activities via the City of San Diego's Redevelopment Agency site:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/redevelopment-agency/ah.shtml>

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Old Business:

Housing Task Force – Cheryl Wilson, Housing Task Force Chair, reported that the following people have agreed to work on the committee: Paul Downey, Dolli Cutler, and Leane Marchese.

Seniors Ride Free – Floyd Willis has agreed to lead this effort. Floyd will network with the County of San Diego's SanDi-Can Strategic Planning Effort as some of the goals may align directly with SAAB's.

SAAB Web Site – SAAB's website is up and running. The url to reach the website directly is

<http://www.sandiego.gov/ced/boardcomm/saab.shtml>

Proxy Voting – According to the City Municipal Code section 26.1501, only board members that have been appointed by council have the authority to vote. The Municipal Code does not provide for "proxy" voting by persons whom appointed members ask to stand in for them. Pat Ford opened this item up for discussion as it relates to SAAB.

New Business:

Annual Reporting -- One of the recommendations put forth at the last board meeting was to have the Mayor attend one or two of the meetings with a presence from someone from the Mayor's Office attending every if not most of the meetings. Pat Ford has drafted a letter to the Mayor requesting a meeting to discuss this recommendation. This recommendation was in addition to the Annual Reporting that the board will do.

Announcements -- Floyd Willis announced that on January 25th there will be Public Hearings at Aging and Independence Services at the County of San Diego. This happens every four years. AIS Area Plan Hearings. This presentation discusses the use of the Federal and State dollars that are made available to this Area Agency on Aging. There are five hearings to listen, learn, and comment.

Floyd also announced the January 25th SanDi-Can Strategic Planning Action Network meeting for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities living in the City of San Diego. The meeting starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. at the County of San Diego HHSA located at 8965 Balboa Avenue in the downstairs training room.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 2, 2005

Chairperson: Patrick Ford

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